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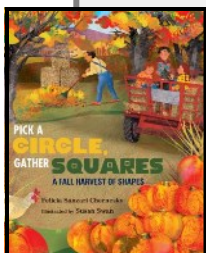
Library Books and Songs About Pumpkins and Spiders



Pumpkins

Five Little Pumpkins by Iris Van Rynbach

The traditional finger rhyme illustrated with lively watercolors.



Pick a Circle, Gather Squares by Felicia Sanzari Chernesky

During a harvest hayride at Pumpkin Farm, a family finds circles, squares, ovals and other shapes all around.

Pumpkin Cat by Anne Mortimer

Mouse shows Cat how to grow a pumpkin.

Pumpkin Circle: The Story of a Garden by George Levenson

In this non-fiction book, rhyming text and photographs follow a pumpkin patch as it grows and changes.

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Cat and Squirrel argue with Duck about who will perform what duty when preparing their pumpkin soup and almost lose Duck's friendship when he decides to leave.

Pumpkin Trouble by Jan Thomas

When Duck decides to make a jack-o-lantern, he and his friends Pig and Mouse are in for a scary adventure.

Sixteen Runaway Pumpkins by Dianne Ochiltree

Rhyming text and illustrations demonstrate how many pumpkins it takes to fill a wagon and how quickly they add up each time the number is doubled.

Ten Orange Pumpkins by Stephen Savage

Ten orange pumpkins are each carried off by a witch, a ghost, a spider and other Halloween creatures until there's just one.

The Pumpkins Are Here

(Tune: "The Farmer in the Dell")

The pumpkins are here; the pumpkins are there.
The pumpkins, the pumpkins are everywhere.
The pumpkins are up; the pumpkins are down.
The pumpkins, the pumpkins are all around.
The pumpkins are in; the pumpkins are out.
The pumpkins, the pumpkins are all about.
The pumpkins are low; the pumpkins are high.
The pumpkins, the pumpkins all say,
"Good-bye."

Pumpkins Are Growing

(Tune: "Are You Sleeping?")

Pumpkins are growing,
Pumpkins are growing
In the patch,
In the patch.
Look at all the pumpkins,
Look at all the pumpkins,
Orange and round,
Orange and round.

Pick a Pumpkin

(Tune: "London Bridge")

Pick a pumpkin from the vine.
Pumpkin round, pumpkin fine.
Pick a pumpkin from the vine.
Let's pick pumpkins!

Pick a pumpkin from the vine.
You pick yours. I'll pick mine.
Pick a pumpkin from the vine.
Let's pick pumpkins!



Spiders



Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott

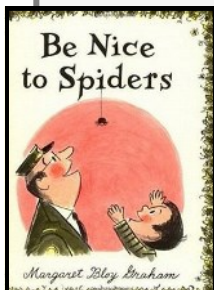
Anansi's sons save him from danger, and he has to decide which one he should reward.

Are You a Spider? by Judy Allen

This informational book introduces the life cycle of a spider, describing how it hatches, develops, spins webs and feeds.

Ask a Bug by DK Publishers

This non-fiction book presents, in question-and-answer format, information on bugs, including why dragonflies are in a hurry, why spiders don't stick to their webs and what the best insect disguises are.



Be Nice to Spiders by Margaret Bloy Graham
When flies began bothering zoo animals, the Keeper realizes the importance of spiders.

Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin

A young spider discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs and avoid vacuum cleaners.

Dream Weaver by Jonathan London

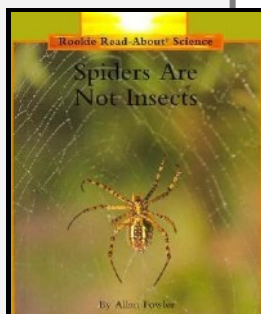
While walking on a mountain path, a young boy discovers a yellow spider spinning her web and as he quietly watches her, he sees the world from a different perspective.

Spiders by Gail Gibbons

This non-fiction book identifies the physical characteristics, behavior and habitats of different kinds of spiders.

Spiders Are Not Insects by Allan Fowler

This non-fiction book gives an introduction to the spider, an eight-legged creature, not to be confused with the six-legged insect.



The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

The farm animals try to divert a busy little spider from spinning her web, but she persists and produces a thing of both beauty and usefulness.

The Spider in the Web

(Tune: "Farmer in the Dell")

The spider in the web,
The spider in the web
Spin, spin, oh watch him spin,
The spider in the web.

The spider eats a (bug name)
The spider eats a _____.
Spin, spin, oh watch him spin,
The spider in the web.



Spider Song

(Tune: "Farmer in the Dell")

Spin little spider, spin
Spin little spider, spin
Up and down and all around
Spin little spider, spin

Catch bugs, little spider, catch bugs
Catch bugs, little spider, catch bugs
Up down and all around
Catch bugs little spider, catch bugs

Eat bugs little spider, eat bugs
Eat bugs little spider, eat bugs
Up down and all around
Eat bugs little spider, eat bugs

Spin, Spin, Little Spider

(Tune: "Ten Little Indians")

Spin, spin, little spider
Spin, spin, wider, wider
Spin, spin, little spider
Early in the morning

Dance, dance, little spider
Dance, dance, dance out wider
Dance, dance, little spider
Early in the morning

Make your web, little spider
Make your web, spider, wider
Make your web, little spider
Early in the morning

